

1. (Once Amended) A steer axle assembly, comprising:  
an axle beam disposed about a longitudinal axis; and,  
an inverted knuckle yoke having a body portion and first  
and second arms extending from said body portion, said first and  
second arms configured to received a kingpin;


wherein said body portion is coupled to an external surface  
of said axle beam and said body portion is disposed on only one  
side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

8. (Once Amended) The assembly of claim [7] 16 wherein  
said body portion is welded to an external surface of said axle  
beam.

10. (Once Amended) The assembly of claim [7] 16 wherein  
said body portion is disposed on only one side of said  
longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

11. (Once Amended) The assembly of claim [7] 16 wherein  
said body portion extends from said axle beam in an outboard  
direction and at an angle to said longitudinal axis of said axle  
beam.

Please add the following new claims:

 16. (New) A steer axle assembly, comprising:  
~~an axle beam disposed about a longitudinal axis;~~  
an inverted knuckle yoke having a body portion and first  
and second arms extending from said body portion, said first and  
second arms configured to received a kingpin, said body portion  
coupled to an external surface of said axle beam; and,  
~~a spindle assembly rotatably mounted on said kingpin~~

17. (New) The steer axle assembly of claim 16 wherein said spindle assembly includes:

a body having a bore configured to receive said kingpin;  
and,

a spindle coupled to said body.

18. (New) The steer axle assembly of claim 17 wherein said spindle assembly further includes a washer disposed between said body and one of said first and second arms.

19. (New) The steer axle assembly of claim 17 wherein said spindle assembly further includes a steering arm coupled to said body.

20. (New) The steer axle assembly of claim 16 wherein said first and second arms are disposed on the same side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

## REMARKS

### I. INTRODUCTION

Applicants have cancelled claims 4-5, 7, 9, and 12-15, amended claims 1, 8, and 1-011, and added new claims 16-20. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10-11 and 16-20 are presently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

### II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the recitation of the invention by adding the limitation that "said body portion" of the inverted knuckle yoke "is disposed on only one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam." Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and drawings including in Figures 1-2. Claims 8, 10